THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) Pre-examination training Centres for preparing Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe candidates for Civil Services Examination have been set up in various parts of the country under the Centrally Sponsored Coaching & Allied Scheme.

(b) Details of the Scheme are given in the Statement. (*See* below.)

(c) The same will be considered as and then the proposals are received.

COACHING AND ALLIED SCHEME FOR SCHEDULED CASTES AND SCHEDULED TRIBES

25 Pre-examination training Centres for preparing SC/ST candidates for the Civil Services Examination have been set up in various parts of the country. These centres are run either by the State Governments or the Universities. Financial assistance is provided to the State Government on matching grant basis (50:50) and in the case of Universities grant-in-aid is given to them on 100% basis provided infrastructure facilities like class-rooms, hostel accommodation library facilities, etc. are made available by the Universities. In addition to this private institution a of repute viz. Rau's IAS Study Circle, New Delhi has also been entrusted with the work of providing coaching facilities to the SC/ST candidates for Civil Services Examination, like IAS, IPS etc. on contract basis.

PATTERN OF THE SCHEME: Under the scheme coaching is provided to the SC/ST candidates free of cost and no fees is charged from them. Hostel accommodation is also provided wherever such facilities are available. The mess charges are paid at the rate of Rs. 400/- p.m. per candidate depending upon the location of the centre and stipend at the rate of Rs. 100/- per month for other candidates. The candidates are also provided with Library facilities, and reading material etc. The teachers are paid remuneration at the rate of Rs. 250/- per hour per lecture.

ELIGIBILITY CONDITIONS: Merit is the main criterion for selection of SC/ST candidates for coaching. The candidates are selected on the basis of the marks obtain in the University examination, written test and interviews.

INCOME CEILING: The SC/ST whose parents 'or guardians' total income from all sources, including the income of the candidates, does not exceed Rs. 24,000/- anually, will be elegible for admission in the pre-examinations training centres.

COACHING FOR SECOND TIME: The candidates who had earlier received coaching once in a particular course under this scheme and failed to compete in the examination are, however, allowed the benefits of coaching for the Second time.

SC Notification on Job Quota

*4028. DR. ISHWAR CHANDRA GUPTA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have gone through the judgement of Supreme Court regarding job quota;

(b) whether it is a fact that the judges have held categorically that there cannot be any reservations in promotions;

(c) if so, the details of directions proposed to be issued for implementation of the judgement; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The matter is under examination.

New Scheme for Security of SC/ST and Minorities

4029. SHRI BISHAMBHAR NATH PANDE: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

*Previously Unstarred Question 2771 transferred from 10th December, 1992.

(a) whether it is a fact that a new scheme has been prepared to ensure security of Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe and minorities;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that this scheme will be fully funded by the Central Government?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) No Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Functioning of National Commission on SC/ST

4030. SHRI MATANG SINGH: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Commission on SC and ST has complained about Government interference in its working and treating it as a subordinate office;

(b) if so, the details of the complaints;

(c) what steps have been taken to ensure that the Commission discharges its assigned responsibilities freely; and

(d) whether Government propose to take initiatives to strengthen the composition and functioning of the board?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) In pursuance of Clause (4) of Section 2 of the Constitution (65th Amendment) Act, 1990, the Commission have the power to regulate its own procedure to perform its own function and responsibilities freely.

(d) At present, there is no such proposal.

Guidelines Issued to SC/ST Financial Corporation

4031. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have issued guidelines for the working of the SC/ST Financial Corporation; and

(b) what are the activities undertaken by the SC/ST Corporation?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The Scheduled Castes Development Corporations (SCDCs) are service oriented organisation and are acting as catalysts and agencies for mobilising institutional finance through margin money loan programme/seed money. These activities are meant to play a useful role for the economic development of Scheduled Caste families below poverty line. The schemes undertaken for this purpose are as per the Statement.

Statement

The schemes undertaken by various SCDCs are more or less same; still they vary from State to State in term of name and nature. Some common schemes are listed below:—

1. Agriculture and Small Irrigation
2. Animal Husbandry
3. Fisheries
4. Cottage and Small Scale industries
5. Trade and Business
6. Rural Transport and others

Industry Sector

Trade and Business sector

Professional Sector

(a) Auto Rickshaw (b) Rickshaw (c) Legal profession (d) photography (e) Redemption of Agri. Land (f) Purchases of photo State machine and (g) purchase of light commercial vehicles.